

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE



How To Prepare

Acceptable Items

	NEWSPAPERS Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper • Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads
	GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Only the items listed at right are acceptable. Crush all plastic bottles to save space and remove caps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass bottles (all colors) • Glass jars (all colors) • Steel cans • Bimetal cans • Aluminum cans • All plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 NO STYROFOAM® #1 - #7 Examples: Water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.
	OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazines • Writing/school paper • All envelopes • Copy paper • Paperback books • Hardcover books w/hard covers removed • Catalogs • Phone books • Store fliers w/mailling labels • Office paper • Non-metallic gift wrap • Greeting cards
	CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard) next to your recycling bucket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated cardboard • Pizza boxes (clean!) • Brown bags • Chipboard boxes including: cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted. • Tissue boxes • Paper towel rolls

Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.

For more information about curbside collection call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363

WHAT **NOT** TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

PLASTIC: Un-numbered plastics • Microwave trays • Plastic bags • Motor oil and antifreeze bottles • Plastic toys • Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons • Plastic flower pots • Beer balls • Pesticide containers • Paper plates • Plastic coat hangers • Plastic drums & crates • Styrofoam® 5-gallon buckets (spackle & paint containers) • Pool chemical containers • Plastic caps • Prescription bottles

PAPER: Waxed paper • Tissue paper • Napkins • Paper towels • Frozen food boxes • Cups • Metallic & plastic-coated paper • Paper with metal objects (file folders, binders, etc.)

SCRAP METAL: Refrigerators • Air Conditioners • De-humidifiers

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days

BATTERIES: Alkaline go in garbage • Bring rechargeable & button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days

Please do not mix garbage in with your recyclables. Make sure all recyclables are as clean as possible to deter pests & odors.